

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 1 and 11 have been cancelled. Thus, claims 2-10 are now active in the application.

In item 6 on page 3 of the Office Action the Examiner kindly indicated that claims 2-10 are allowed. In view of this indication, and in order to expedite allowance of this application, claims 1 and 11 have been cancelled, thereby leaving only the allowed claims 2-10 pending in the application.

Regarding the rejections presented in items 1-5 on pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action, these rejections are moot in view of the cancellations of claims 1 and 11.

Therefore, in view of the cancellation of claims 1 and 11, and the indication that claims 2-10 are allowed, it is submitted that the present application is now clearly in condition for allowance, and an early notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

If, after reviewing this Amendment, the Examiner feels there are any issues remaining which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned by telephone in order to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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